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C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 13339

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, PINT, LE

SUBJECT: SECURITY SITUATION STILL DICEY DESPITE "CEASEFIRE"

REF: BEIRUT 13311 (26 OCT 75 1300Z)

1. A NEW CEASEFIRE WAS ARRANGED FOR EVENING OCT. 26 WITH AGREEMENT LEADERS BATTLING FACTIONS, BUT FIGHTING ABATED ONLY PARTIALLY THROUGH NIGHT OCT. 26-27. FOR EXAMPLE, SOURCE AT INTERNAL SECURITY HQ EARLY TODAY, RUEFULLY DESCRIBED SITUATION AS "5 PERCENT TO 7 PERCENT IMPROVEMENT" (SIC) OVER DAY BEFORE AND WAS NOT OPTIMISTIC ABOUT NEXT FEW HOURS. HOWEVER, AS OF MID-MORNING CONTACTS AMONG GROUPS ARE CONTINUING TO WORK OUT CEASEFIRE ARRANGEMENTS. MAIN PROBLEM IS LACK OF DISCIPLINE IN NEARLY ALL GROUPS AND PERSISTENCE INDEPENDENT SNIPERS UNDER NO PERCEIVABLE DISCIPLINE AT ALL.

2. NUMBER OF AIR PASSENGER DEPARTURES HAVE INCREASED BUT SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF SPACE IS STILL AVAILABLE ON OUT-BOUND FLIGHTS. PANAM PLANS TO OPERATE WESTBOUND 747 FLIGHT #1 TO ISTANBUL, FRANKFURT AND NEW YORK BEGINNING TOMORROW, OCTOBER 28, BUT IS EXTENDING CANCELLATION OF OTHER FLIGHTS.

3. CABINET MET YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, AT WHICH KARAME AND CHAMOUN HAD ARGUMENT OVER USE OF ARMY. BOTH HELD TO THEIR LONG-STANDING POSITIONS, CHAMOUN INSISTING ARMY SHOULD BE BROUGHT IN AND KARAME ADAMANT AGAINST THIS. NO CONCLUSION REACHED. BUT CONTACTS WERE INITIATED AFTER MEETING THAT LED TO "CEASEFIRE" ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY EVENING.

4. PARLIAMENT IS DUE TO MEET TODAY IN WHAT MAY BECOME TENSE SESSION IF KARAME FEUD AGAINST CHAMOUN AND FRANGIE COMES INTO OPEN. POLITICAL SUB-COMMITTEE OF "NATIONAL DIALOGUE" HAS POSTPONED MEETING PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED FOR TODAY.

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5. ALL AMCITS ARE OKAY AS FAR AS WE AWARE EXCEPT FOR TWO USIA EMPLOYEES ABDUCTED OCT. 22 AND NOT YET RELEASED (SEPERATE REPORTING) AND JOURNALIST PHILIP CAPUTO WOUNDED IN LEGS YESTERDAY BY GUNFIRE NEAR HAMRA STREET. CAPUTO IS IN SATISFACTORY CONDITION IN HOSPITAL.

6. EMBASSY TODAY ISSUING STATEMENT TO PRESS AND, IF ASKED BASIS, TO AMCITS:

"AS YOU KNOWN, THE EMBASSY HAS AUTHORIZED VOLUNTARY  
DEPARTURE OF DEPENDENTS OF U.S. GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.  
ALSO, THE EMBASSY IS REDUCING ITS NON-ESSENTIAL STAFF.  
IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY FOLLOW THIS  
POLICY AND EVACUATE FROM LEBANON DEPENDENTS AND PERSONNEL  
NOT ESSENTIAL TO THEIR BUSINESS ACTIVITIES IN LEBANON."  
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